

Derrington Way Ahead Meeting
Tuesday 8th November 2016 at 7.30 pm at the Village Hall

Present: Karen Davies, Sheena Davis, Ann-Marie Tallent, Sue Challinor, Maggie Overton.

Apologies: Rob Hine, Helen Sammons, Roy Wood, Richard Upton (Stafford Borough Council, Health and Wellbeing Team), Tony Burgess, Cheryl Birks.

1 Welcome by the Chairperson

Karen Davies chaired the meeting and welcomed the group to the Village Hall.

2 Notes of the last meeting and matters arising

The notes were passed as a correct record of the meeting held on 27th September.

Matters arising:

Richard Upton had spoken to the group about 'Asset Based Community Development'. His talk had generated some ideas. The view of the group was that Derrington already does so much, including through the activities of Derrington Way Ahead, which was originally set up as a pilot sustainable community. It is a good model for other villages and communities to learn from.

Some ideas were generated including supporting the purchase of goal nets for the Church Playing Field goals.

The idea of setting up a Little Free Pantry had also been taken by Gill Cox to Seighford Parish Council and discussed by various parties. It was considered that initiatives such as the House of Bread, Surplus Kitchen, etc were probably better placed to support people in need and that in Derrington many of us are 'at capacity'.

Village Newsletter: the group commended Cheryl and her team for the newsletter that had been completed and circulated since the last meeting. Well done Cheryl!

Dog Fouling Campaign: since the last meeting this campaign is now underway and is making an impact.

3 Congratulations

Derrington Way Ahead, Derrington Millennium Green Group, other groups and individuals, had submitted an application in the **2016 Green Awards**. Sue, Sheena, Ann and Olive had attended to collect the award. The certificate will go on the wall in the village hall and the primrose will be planted in the WI herb garden.

Those who attended the event, the 20th anniversary of the awards, reported that the evening went very well.

The full results can be viewed here: <http://www.staffordbc.gov.uk/greenawards>

Photos from the event are available here:

<https://www.facebook.com/P.L.Milgate.photos/>



We also put an application in to the Pride in Your Patch Awards. These will take place on Thursday 24th November at 7pm at Stafford Rangers Football Club. Two people can attend. **Sue** may like to go, if transport available. **Roy** may be able to. Please get in touch asap to confirm. I need to know on Monday please.

4 Duddas Wood Hardstanding Path Project – an update

After lots of hard work, involving lots of organisations and individuals, the path is now complete! Roy has been fabulous. We now need to plan a Launch Event. **Roy, Karen etc to liaise/discuss.**

5 The Greenway

Work to upgrade cycle track continues.

6 Talk on Bees, Tues 24th January 2017

The group was pleased that Ron Rock from the Bee Conservation Group is able to come to give a presentation in the new year. We will hopefully fill the hall again!! PR, fliers etc to be arranged in advance, also cakes, tea and coffee etc. Start time, 7.30 pm. **Karen** to see if **Peter Bray** can attend to help with IT equipment. **Maggie** to ask if David Rawsthorne would like to be involved/have a stall or something else.

7 Wild About Derrington, Sat 8th April, 2-5pm as usual. Similar to previous events and including music. **Karen** to begin planning.

8 AOB

There is No Planet B! Stafford's Green Arts Festival, 18-25th Feb 2017. Art Groups, Brownies, Guides, may be interested in participating or having a workshop? **Karen** to follow up.

Next meeting: Tuesday 10th January at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

